

OSS Work Group – Goals and Roles:

Context: Public Health – Seattle & King County wants to revitalize its OSS Program by:

- a) completing an update of the King County Onsite Sewage System (OSS) Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Management Plan;
- b) submitting the Plan to the King County Board of Health for their review and approval; and
- c) implementing the Plan.

To accomplish these goals, Public Health has invited individuals representing a variety of interests (OSS industry, Realtors, home and business owners w/OSS, environmental groups, rural area community organizations, developers, and relevant government agencies) onto a Work Group.

Work Group Goals: The Work Group will review issues to be addressed in an updated Plan, and provide input, ideas and recommendations to Public Health on those issues. Public Health will use those recommendations in the development of its updated Plan.

Parties & Roles:

Contract Facilitator – will ensure that meetings track with the agenda, issues are offered and discussed, comments and recommendations are collected and recorded, time is used efficiently, and meetings start and end on time.

Work Group Members – will review relevant issues, and provide comments and recommendations on those issues; the group will strive for consensus recommendations, but if consensus cannot be achieved, objections or alternate opinions will be recorded.

The Public – will have an opportunity to provide comments at each meeting and/or submit written comments for consideration.

Public Health Staff – will propose issues and topics to discuss, provide technical and issue expertise to the Work Group, and supervise the drafting of the Plan update and its submittal to the King County Board of Health.

King County Board of Health – composed of:

- ✧ 3 Seattle City Council Members
- ✧ 2 elected Mayors/City Council Members from Sound Cities Association
- ✧ 3 King County Council Members
- ✧ 3 appointed Health Professionals

has broad authority under state law to protect public and environmental health. They exercise that authority over OSS by enacting local regulations, and directing and overseeing the work of Public Health.